Name of the country	*Exports in Jan. to Oct. '91*		*Exports in Jan. to Oct. 90*	
	Qty. (Qty. in tonnes)	*Value*	*Qty. (Value in Rs. lakhs)*	*value*
Germany	9087	2818.28	10424	1958.01
Italy	6018	1805.35	5000	1078.65
Czechoslovakia	4055	1498.97	4634	933.24
USA	3709	879.63	4830	704.62
Japan	751	250.76	182	39.47
Yugoslavia	2979	925.25	7984	1737.86
Switzerland	1261	471.56	568	180.31
France	607	173.23	679	138.03
Norway	659	191.36	308	72.18

4. Among the steps taken for stepping up exports of India coffee and tapping new markets are:

I) Liberalisation in the Trade Policy

II) Readjustment of the exchange rate of Indian rupee vis-a-vis other currencies.

iii) earmarking of la minimum quantity for export purposes in order to to strengthen India's credibility as a reliable supplier of quality coffee.

[*Translation*]

Value of Rupee

395. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the present value of rupee taking 1947 as base year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The present value of rupee measured as a reciprocal of the All-India Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial Workers taking 1947 as the base year is 6.57 paise in September,1991 (latest available).

Capital of Monopoly Houses

396. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the MiNISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the capital of Monopoly Houses increased during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) the extent to which it increased in comparison to that of Sixth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFPARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The paid up capital of Monopoly Houses increased from Rs. 1788 crores in the year 1979 to Rs. 2880 crores in the year 1984 during the Sixth Plan period and further to Rs. 4856 crores in the 1989-90, during the Seventh Plan period.

[*English*]

Excise Duty Realisation Target for 1991-92

397. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target for realisation of excise duty for 1991-92 has been raised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The budget estimate for central excise duty collection during 1991-92 has not been raised. However, to improve the resource position of the Government, the field formations have been requested to intensify their efforts and target these collection at an additional amount of about 5% or Rs. 1317 crores over the budget estimates through better tax administration.

Transfer Policy on High Court Judges

398. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a renewed demand for adopting an imperative transfer policy on High Court Judges; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The Government have accepted as a policy, recommendations of the Law Commission, in its 80th Report, that there should be a convention according to which 1/3rd of Judges in each High Court should be from any other State. The Government decided that this may be implemented either by making initial appointments from outside or by effecting transfers. A beginning in this direction has been made by adopting the policy of having Chief Justices of High Courts from outside. Few initial appointments of puisne Judges from one High Courts have also been made and transfers of some judges from one High Court to another have also been made after adopting the policy.

The Government adheres to this policy

Contract for Storing Containers at Nhava Sheva Port

399. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister or SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for storing containers at Nhava Sheva Port was awarded to the Central Warehousing Corporation:

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that it was sub-contracted by them to a private party;

(c) whether it was done with the approval of the Government;